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Jewish groups hope they can keep homeland security money flowing

By Ron Kampeas

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WASHINGTON, June 28 (JTA) — Jewish groups gratefully absorbed more than half of the homeland security funds last year aimed at protecting nonprofits — and they're campaigning to make sure the money keeps flowing.

An array of Jewish groups nationwide is just now beginning to spend the \$14 million of the \$25 million mandated by Congress in 2005 to secure at-risk nonprofit groups. Another \$25 million mandated in the 2006 budget is mired in intergovernmental infighting.

The United Jewish Communities, the umbrella body of the North American Jewish federation system, is lobbying to make sure the \$25 million allocation survives in the Homeland Security Department's 2007 budget, due to be referred...

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